

# NEWSBREAK

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### MPTA 2024 Legislative Recap



Over the last weekend of the 2024 legislative session, nobody anticipated a member of the Minnesota Senate DFL bringing that body to a screeching halt on Saturday. This happened when Senator Fateh refused to participate in floor votes unless Legislative Leaders and the Governor committed to adopting legislation raising the pay and benefits for the drivers of Uber and Lyft. With his decision, the DFL Senate with a one-seat majority became paralyzed. After nearly 11 hours of closed-door negotiations, an agreement was reached between the Minneapolis City Council, Governor Walz, the Majority Leaders of the House and Senate and representatives of Uber and Lyft. While the agreement keeps Uber and Lyft in Minnesota, the Senate was unable to pass any legislation or conference committee reports for most of the day on Saturday.

The next day on Sunday, as floor debates dragged on it became obvious the clock was going to run out on the DFL Trifecta, putting several of their legislative goals at risk. That’s when all hell broke loose. Shortly after 10 pm, the Tax Conference Committee met and through a series of motions began compiling a 2860-page behemoth of an omnibus bill. The bill included not only provisions from the Tax Conference Committee, but also language from more than nine other omnibus budget and policy bills which had been adopted by various conference committees. Additional language was pulled from bills which had passed one of the two legislative bodies, but not both and had become stalled.

The bill was then referred to the floor of the House and Senate and brought up for final passage with less than 30 minutes remaining in the 2024 Session. Republicans in both bodies were shocked to see the bill advancing. There were no printed or online versions of the bill available for members of the public or Legislature to review before votes were taken. Like last year, where last minute provisions were amended into the 2023 Tax Bill, there are likely going to be numerous drafting errors and perhaps unknown provisions included in this legislation. Only the staff of the Revisor’s Office has reviewed the nearly 3,000-page bill. To pass the bills before the midnight deadline, the majority party refused to acknowledge members of the minority. The DFL majority in both bodies used numerous legislative maneuvers to end debate and bring the bills to a final vote.

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## Message From President, Ron Gardas Jr.

Hello everyone,

I hope that everyone has been staying dry out there this spring and early summer. Earlier this spring, MPTA hosted its annual Introduction to light duty training class at the Double Tree Hilton located in Roseville. As always, A great opportunity for our members' drivers to stay at the location of our training class.

As sad as it is, we are starting to look forward to the end of the year/Annual meeting. With that in mind, early July, MPTA is sending out ballots for the Minnesota Professional Towing Association Hall of Fame. Last year's nominees Steve Schmit and Richard Berget did not receive enough votes necessary to be elected but are automatically nominated for this year's class. So, get your nominations in!! Let's get great people inducted so we don't lose our history!!

This year, MPTA's Annual Meeting/Hall of Fame induction will be held on the first evening of our two-day Advanced Light Duty Training class (Sept 24th- 6:00pm). This is a perfect training class for getting a driver knowledgeable about rigging, weights, leverage and safety! On October 15<sup>th</sup>, MPTA is hosting its Annual one-day Introduction to Heavy-Duty Training class. Information for both training classes, Annual Meeting/HOF induction and of course our Annual Picnic at Elko Speedway (Sept 14<sup>th</sup>) coming to a mail box near you.

Get your nominations in!



Ron Gardas Jr.  
President  
Minnesota Professional Towing Association

Welcome  
to our  
**New Members**

**Sandoval Services**  
Leo Sandoval

**Corrective Action  
Recovery Solutions, LLC**  
Greg Schaffer

**DL Towing**  
Ryan/Karla Swanson



# MPTA Hosts Light Duty Training Class



It's officially MPTA Training Season! On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, MPTA's One-Day Basic Light Duty Training Class presented by Nationwide Insurance brought out the best in basic light duty towing. MPTA board directors taught the early classroom portion of the school with new information and safety statistics as well as the everyday basics of getting ready for each towers shift. With new towing employees always start with the essentials. Students were taught everything from the size of chains, straps, pressure points, and even how to better prepare yourself mentally and professionally.



With twenty-five students in attendance, MPTA board directors hosted several training sessions featuring basic hook ups, use of dollies, scales and working load limits while experiencing use of chains and straps getting a feel for what our industry has to offer. Although the school gives you a great "Hands on" experience, it can only prepare you for the "real thing!" Teaching students the basics and advanced lessons of hooking up from the streets /parking lots, sides of a busy highway while learning the "Do's and Do not's" of our industry.







MPTA Board Directors sponsored the event providing many vehicles and the use of their equipment. Promising the students, they will get hands on training while getting dirty- just like every MPTA sponsored towing training session. Every school the MPTA conducts, all of us learn more from the instructors as well as from our students.



***Thank you to the MPTA Board Directors for their time and knowledge! Together we continue to support our industry but more importantly, our professionalism one training class at a time!***

Hope to see you or your employees at the next MPTA/Nationwide Insurance endorsed training class!

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The actions of the DFL Majority led to total chaos in each chamber and has certainly tarnished the institution and strained relationships between members of the majority and minority. The bill also very likely violates the Minnesota Constitution and the requirement that each bill be limited to a single subject.

The DFL Majority also attempted to pass a small all-cash bonding bill in the final minutes of the session. While the House succeeded in passing the bill, the Senate was unable to complete their work on the bill before the clock reached midnight. Even though the last hour brought Mayhem, a few bills below did pass impacting our towing industry. (See below) However, it will take a little time to dissect the rest of the omnibus bill.

**SF. 4926/ HF.4762 (A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying certain limitations on towing authority)** Minnesota lawmakers overwhelmingly voted in favor of eliminating towing vehicles with unpaid parking tickets. Under previous state law, towing authorities could only tow vehicles from expired parking meters if the vehicle had five or more unpaid parking tickets.

The statute still allows vehicles to be towed for violating snow emergency regulations, blocking driveways or fire hydrants and parking in otherwise restricted areas. But, eliminating collecting debt from parking tickets as a basis for towing a vehicle aims to prevent burdening people by imposing even more debt in the form of impound fees to retrieve their vehicles. (MPTA Note: MPTA was neutral on bill due to most towing operators wouldn't get paid for the tow or would end up scrapping for junk or a nuisance. Can't afford to pay for ticket, probably can't afford to pay for a tow)

**HF. 3174 (relating to motor vehicles; amending requirements governing towing authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168B.011)** A vehicle tower may impound a vehicle from private property under this section only if the property owner or a designee, identifies the vehicle make, model, and license plate number; and specifically authorizes the vehicle tower to impound the identified vehicle.

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**SF. 1065/HF.1018 (relating to transportation; exempting towing and recovery vehicles from certain motor vehicle weight limitations; making technical changes; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169)** Annual permit. The commissioner may issue permits to an applicant who pays a single \$300 annual fee to cover all tow trucks and towing vehicles owned by the applicant and who meets any other conditions prescribed by the commissioner. The permit authorizes the tow truck or towing vehicle, when towing a disabled or damaged vehicle to a place of repair or safekeeping, to exceed the length and weight limitations of this chapter.

Applicability with urgent movement. Sections 169.823 to 169.828 do not apply to a tow truck or towing vehicle when towing a disabled or damaged vehicle and the movement is urgent, and for the purpose of removing the disabled vehicle from the roadway to a place of repair or safekeeping. A permit is not required for a vehicle operating Seasonal load restrictions; exemption: For purposes of this subdivision,

"recovery vehicle" means a vehicle equipped with a boom that is used to move or recover an inoperable vehicle The seasonal load restrictions under section 169.87, subdivisions 1 and 2, do not apply to a tow truck, towing vehicle, or a recovery vehicle that does not exceed a weight of 20,000 pounds per single axle and is being operated for the purpose of towing or recovering another vehicle that: is involved in a vehicle crash or is inoperable and is located within a public road right-of-way; or has entered a public body of water adjacent to the roadway.

**SF. 4211/HF.3981 (relating to consumer protection; requiring written estimates to be provided for repairs costing more than \$100; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022)** Required notice to be displayed. Each shop shall conspicuously display a sign that states the following: "Upon a customer's request, this shop is required to provide a written estimate for repairs costing more than \$100 to \$7,500 if the shop agrees to perform the repairs. The shop's final price cannot exceed its written estimate by more than ten percent without the prior authorization of the customer. You must request that the estimate be in charges a fee for the storage or care of repaired motor vehicles or appliances, the shop shall conspicuously display a sign that states the amount assessed for storage or care, when the charge begins to accrue, and the interval of time between assessments."





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## AAA Activated 'Tow to Go' for Memorial Day Weekend



### *AAA press release:*

As AAA prepares to rescue more than 378,000 drivers nationwide with car trouble during the Memorial Day weekend, it will also work to keep impaired drivers off the road. The Auto Club Group is activating its **Tow to Go** program in select states (see below), offering a confidential safe ride for would-be impaired drivers and their vehicles.

The Auto Club Group has provided the Tow to Go program for more than 25 years, removing nearly 30,000 impaired drivers from U.S. roadways. When someone calls Tow to Go, a tow truck is dispatched to transport the vehicle and its owner to a safe location within a 10-mile radius. This service is free, regardless of whether the caller is a AAA member.

- Tow to Go is active from 6 p.m. Friday, May 24th to 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 28th.
- Free confidential rides are provided for AAA members and non-members.

“By providing this program, AAA gives drivers no excuse for driving under the influence of drugs, alcohol or impairing medications,” said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA – The Auto Club Group. “However, we remind people to treat Tow to Go as a last resort. Instead, make advanced plans for a safe ride home, because you do not want to be remembered on Memorial Day as the person who made the fatal mistake of driving impaired.”

### **Service Areas**

Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, North Dakota, Nebraska, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Colorado (Denver), North Carolina (Charlotte), and Indiana (Fort Wayne/South Bend)

### **Phone Number**

(855) 2-TOW-2-GO or (855) 286-9246

### **Guidelines**

- Provided from 6 p.m. Friday, May 24 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 28th.
- Free and available to AAA members and non-members.
- Confidential local ride for one person and their vehicle to a safe location within a 10-mile radius.
- Appointments cannot be scheduled in advance to use Tow to Go. It is designed as a safety net for those that did not plan ahead. Always choose a designated driver before celebrating.
- In some situations, AAA may need to make other arrangements to get an impaired individual a safe ride home. Tow to Go may not be available in rural areas or during severe weather conditions.



# Research Results: Roadside Assistance Providers Fatally Struck by Vehicles at the Roadside

Roadside assistance providers risk their own safety to help stranded motorists. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety recently conducted and published a project titled “*Roadside Assistance Providers Fatally Struck by Vehicles at the Roadside: Incidence and Characteristics*” to examine crashes in which roadside assistance providers were struck and killed by vehicles and inform efforts to protect them.



Researchers identified **123 roadside assistance providers** who were struck and killed by vehicles while working in the United States in years 2015 – 2021. This represented nearly four times as many as were identified using national crash data alone and slightly more than reported in a federal database of occupational fatalities.

## Key Findings

- 89% occurred at locations with speed limits of 55 miles per hour or higher, almost all of which were on Interstates or other limited-access highways.
- 84% occurred in crashes with no indication of precipitation nor slippery road conditions.
- 63% occurred during darkness, of which nearly two-thirds were at locations without lighting.
- 63% occurred in crashes in which the striking vehicle left the road before striking the roadside assistance provider, the provider’s vehicle, or the disabled vehicle.
- The annual number of roadside assistance providers struck and killed by vehicles appears to be increasing significantly faster than the concurrent increasing trend in total traffic fatalities. Trends should be interpreted with caution, however, as it is possible that recent records of roadside assistance provider deaths may be more complete than records from earlier in the study period.

## The report issues the following recommendations based on the research findings:

- There is a need to reinforce public awareness of and increase compliance with Slow Down, Move Over laws, which require motorists to move over one lane or slow down when approaching an incident where tow operators, police, firefighters or emergency medical service providers are working at the roadside. There is also a need for research on the most effective approaches to increase compliance.
- Countermeasures are needed to protect roadside assistance providers and first responders from out-of-control vehicles that depart the roadway; research is needed to determine what countermeasures are most effective and practical.
- Training for roadside assistance providers should emphasize avoiding working on the traffic-facing side of the incident scene to the greatest extent possible and should provide strategies for how to do so.
- In cases where countermeasures are inherently site-specific or where deployment must be prioritized, deployment should prioritize protecting roadside assistance providers working on high-speed limited-access highways.
- State police crash report forms should include data fields designed to report whether a crash victim was an incident responder and type of responder when applicable, as called for in the current edition of the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria. States should also consider collecting additional information on crashes in which roadside assistance providers and other emergency response personnel are struck by vehicles, at least in those that result in the injury or death of a responder.

# 2-Day Advanced Light Duty Hands-On Training Class

Presented By: Western National Insurance

September 24th & 25th, 2024

Held at the DoubleTree Hotel - 2540 Cleveland Ave, Roseville, MN 55113

*This two day course will focus on the advanced towing and recovery including basic/advanced hook-ups and roll-overs/embankments with hands-on training instructed by Ron Feist, Ron Gardas Jr. and the Minnesota Professional Towing Association Board of Directors.*



Please send completed form to:

MPTA  
2886 Middle Street  
Little Canada, MN 55117  
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Fax: 651-487-2447 or  
Nikki@mnssa.com

**Hands-On Training**  
Members: \$395.00 per student  
Non-members: \$495.00 per student

- Minimum of 15 participants to hold class
- Cancellation Policy - credit only for future schools

**Hotel:**

DoubleTree Hotel  
2540 Cleveland Ave  
Roseville, MN 55113  
651-636-4567

**September 24, 2024 Agenda**

7:30am Registration  
8:00am to 5:00pm Classroom & Hands-on Training  
6:00pm Annual Meeting at:  
DoubleTree Hotel  
2540 Cleveland Ave  
Roseville, MN 55113

**September 25, 2024 Agenda**

8:00am to 4:00pm Classroom & Hands-on Training

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day
- A pair of gloves and work clothes will be needed, expect to get dirty.

\*\*\*All Participants will receive MPTA Certification Of Attendance\*\*\*

**Registration Form**

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Student (s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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# 1-Day Basic Heavy Duty Hands-On Training Class

Presented By: Western National Insurance

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

Held at "DoubleTree Hotel"

2540 Cleveland Ave

Roseville, MN 55113



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**Hands-On Training:**

Members: \$345.00 per student  
Non-members: \$445.00 per student

- Minimum of 15 participants to hold class
- Cancellation Policy - credit only for future schools

**Hotel:**

DoubleTree Hotel

2540 Cleveland Ave  
Roseville, MN 55113  
651-636-4567

*The one day course will focus on the basics of everyday towing of heavy duty equipment with hands-on training instructed by the Minnesota Professional Towing Association Board of Directors.*

**October 15, 2024 Agenda**

7:30am Registration

8:00am to 4:30pm Classroom and Extensive Hands-On Training

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- A pair of gloves and work clothes will be needed, expect to get dirty.

*\*\*\*All Participants will receive MPTA Certification of Attendance\*\*\**

**Registration Form**

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Student (s):**

**Total \$**

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Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

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## Legislative Update: TRAA MEETS WITH FTC

As you'll already been aware, TRAA has been working tirelessly on a multifaceted advocacy effort since FMCSA Administrator Lawless submitted her comment on the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) proposed "Junk Fees" Rule in February suggesting that "predatory towing practices" be added to the final rule. Last Friday, we provided an update on our efforts to engage the Department of Transportation (DOT) and FMCSA on the subject, including the soon-to-be-announced Tow Services Transparency Task Force.



It remains TRAA's position that Congress already gave statutory authority to DOT and the states to regulate towing, not the FTC. We continue to deliver this message to various audiences involved in the FTC's rulemaking, as well as the FTC itself.

To that end, we are also **pleased to inform our members that yesterday, Bill Johnson, TRAA President, and Cynthia Martineau, TRAA Executive Director, with members of our lobbying team and legal counsel, held the first of multiple meetings directly with the FTC.** During the meeting, TRAA reiterated the policy concerns noted in our February letter to Administrator Lawless and the legal concerns outlined in the memo by outside counsel.

We have also been continually engaging a bipartisan group of Members of Congress on the issue. Towing is a bipartisan issue, and with a Democratic Administration drafting the rule, the optimal way to ensure the best possible outcome for the industry is engaging Members of both parties.

TRAA has long been the industry's voice in Washington, and we will continue to engage the legislative and executive branches of government on this issue, and other issues that impact the industry.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
David J. Garriepy  
Vice President, Government Affairs  
Tremont Strategies Group (TSG)



# SAVE THE DATE

## “The Eve of Destruction”

September 14, 2024

Elko Speedway  
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**\*\*More information to follow\*\***

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Citywide Service  
763-432-4550

**St. Anthony**  
Twin Cities Transport  
& Recovery, Inc.  
651-642-1446

**St. Cloud**  
Andy's Towing  
320-251-5691  
Collins Brothers Towing  
Of St. Cloud, Inc.  
320-257-5525

**St. Francis**  
PTL Tire & Auto  
763-434-7766

**St. Paul**  
Twin Cities Transport &  
Recovery, Inc.  
651-642-1446  
Elite Towing of Minnesota, Inc.  
952-808-0808  
PLC Recovery  
651-247-9783

**Stillwater**  
Stillwater Towing  
651-439-5744

**Strandquist**  
Nordic Towing  
1-833-667-3421

**Sunburg**  
Dans Diesel Inc  
320-264-5852

**Virginia**  
Armory Shell Towing & Service  
218-741-6050

**Waseca**  
Bocks Service Inc.  
507-835-5407  
Tesch Service Center  
507-835-4610

**White Bear Lake**  
Twin Cities Transport &  
Recovery, Inc.  
651-642-1446

**Willmar**  
Dans Diesel Inc  
320-995-6108  
Ed's Service Center & Sales  
320-235-5945

**Winona**  
Borkowski Towing & Salvage  
507-452-9073

## NORTH DAKOTA

**Bismarck**  
Berg's 24 Hour Towing  
701-663-6491

**Grand Forks**  
Nordic Towing  
1-833-667-3421

## SOUTH DAKOTA

**Big Stone**  
The Shop, Inc.  
605-862-8215

**Watertown**  
Performance Towing  
218-722-7781

## WISCONSIN

**Ashland**  
Tomlinson's Inc.  
715-684-3359

**Baldwin**  
Day & Nite Towing, LLC  
715-684-3359

**Balsam Lake**  
Lake Services Unlimited  
715-857-5753

**Hixton**  
Jensen Towing and Repair  
715-963-3431

**LaCrosse**  
Goldbeck Towing Service  
608-781-4869

**Roberts**  
Jerry's Towing  
715-749-4450  
Star Equipment  
715-749-4450

**Superior**  
Lake City Towing  
218-722-7781

## ASSOCIATE

### Auction

Copart  
Kayla Teeselink 651-428-8759

### Auto & Equipment Sales

Twin Cities Wrecker Sales  
Rod Pellow 651-488-4210  
Worldwide Equipment Sales  
Jeff Irr 815-725-4400  
Zip's Truck Equipment  
Paul Rottinghaus 1-800-222-6047

### Banking/Financial

Merchants Bank  
Jordan Frederick 507-457-1194

### Credit Card Processing

Delta Payments  
Kent Flannery 877-718-4490

### Fabrication & Manufacturing

B&B Industries  
Lance & Layla Burda 763-333-4743

### Health Insurance

Health & Life Financial Services  
Kevin Urlaub 763-287-0055

### Insurance

Insuring Minnesota  
Rick McIntosh 952-469-0425  
Midwest Insurance Service  
John Hall 651-439-5939

### Insurance Subrogation

Corrective Action Recovery Solutions,  
LLC (C.A.R.S)  
Greg Schafer 507-530-5032

### Management Consulting

Professional Transport Management  
Company  
Steve & Sue Schmit 612-366-0525

### Uniforms

Cintas  
Kevin Gaskins 763-391-5266

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **2-Day Advanced Light Duty Training Class**

September 24, 2024 &  
September 25, 2024

7:30 a.m.– Registration  
8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.– Classroom &  
Hands-On Training

DoubleTree by Hilton  
Roseville, MN

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## **MPTA Annual Meeting**

September 24, 2024

6:30 p.m

DoubleTree by Hilton  
2540 Cleveland Ave  
Roseville, MN 55113

## **1-Day Heavy Duty Training Class**

October 15, 2024

7:30 a.m.– Registration  
8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.– Classroom &  
Hands-On Training

DoubleTree by Hilton  
Roseville, MN

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